

RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

April 5, 2016

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Mary Clymer, Adrienne La Faye, Ben Andrews, Jerri Everett, Mitch Shepherd, Samantha Goetz-Granquist, Neil Sheesley, and Evelyn Reingold

Excused Absence: Marsha Rollinger, Paul Hebron, Bill Huls and Kimberly Eshelman

<u>Staff Present</u>: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by RMAC Vice -Chair, Mary Clymer at 6:00 pm.

Introduction of Guests: Aaron Blalack – Musician and Renton resident

Carrie Olson, Renton Farmers Market Project Coordinator – There are several opportunities for artists to participate in the Market West expansion at the Farmers Market from June – September. The artist items must be handmade by the artist in the State of Washington. The space can accommodate at least 50 vendors. The market is looking for different ways to use the space. Weekly fees are \$20 for the Market West space. Interested artists can contact Carrie for an application.

Yousman Okano, Pamena Milosheva and Brianna Holan, Studio OHM – They are an interactive technical team who presented a design concept for a kinetic solar sculpture for the new plaza at 2nd and Main and Bronson Way. This is a high visible area and the sculpture is designed as an iconic work to engage the public with changing colored LED lights.

Steven Platt, Cosmos Development Lofts – The proposed sidewalk art would be a private project in a public right of way at the intersection of Main Ave S and 2nd Ave. Steven has met with Judith Caldwell who installed the "Wings and Wheels" art on Logan Ave to develop some design ideas. This project will be funded by the Cosmos Development Lofts and the RMAC will endorse the final design.

Meena Merchant and Kevin McPherson, The Owl Project – An innovative ceramic mosaic mural project that will involve all 16 Renton School District elementary school's approximately 7800 kids. The detail in the owl feathers allows contributions from all the kids. Several possible locations for the mural have been identified. The project is in the planning phase and the RMAC is requested to act as advisors. The RMAC agrees to support the Owl Project through sponsorship and resources as available. **MSC** – (Ben/Neil)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 1, 2016 RMAC meeting were read and accepted. **MSC** (Adrienne / Mitch)

Old Business:

Film Frenzy – Plans are for this to be a "Big Event" over multiple days during September and October. Screenings and seminars will be held at the Regal Theater and the Red Lion. The RMAC will support the Film Frenzy with resources and sponsorship as available. **MSC** (Evelyn/Samantha)

RMAC Art Projects:

Stenciled Parking Lot – Mary Clymer will schedule a date this month to spray some geometric art stencils in the parking lot located across from the Berliner Pub and behind Ben's Loans.

Downtown Partnership – A soft launch of the project to clean and paint the trash cans in the downtown area will be on April 23, 2016. Ben has completed a GAP form and Marsha has submitted a tee-shirt design for the volunteers.

Storefront Art - Samantha suggested placing some are in a storefront at Rainier and 7th. She will research what will be appropriate for this site.

RenCon – Ben is discussing an October RenCon event in Renton with the Red Lion and Wizards of the Coast. The RMAC will support the RenCon with resources and sponsorship as available. **MSC** (Mary/Mitch)

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

Upcoming Art and Culture Meetings and Events

Now to May 21, 2016 - "Birth, Life & Death" exhibit at Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S, 425-255-2330)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Evelyn Reingold, Mary Clymer, RMAC Secretary Vice-Chair